THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. This conversion has not been considered justified.

(b) No, Sir.

(c): The work has not been ap proved-

Free and cheap drugs for common man

113. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY;

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal tinder Government's consideration to make available free and cheap drugs to the common man;

(b) if so, what are the names of the States which are litely to be covered under this scheme;

(c) what annual expenditure is likely to be incurred for the purpose; and

(d) wb/sther Government propose to increase the Budget allocation unit der this Head?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH- AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) Supply of drugs to the needy patients is arranged by State Government |Union Territory Administrations through hospitals, dispensaries and Primary Health Centres | sub-centres. State Governments have their own programme and criteria for supply of medicines through different health institutions subject to availability of financial resources. During the Seventh Five-Year Plan, out of a total outlay of Rs. 2495. 55 crores for Health sector, an amount of Rs. 1063. 35 crores is meant for establishment of health " institutions in . rural areas and includes the cost of supply of drugs. From Central Government an amount of Rs. 20001- per . annum is provided for supply of drugs to each health sub-centre established during the Sixth Plan and later. An amount of Rs. 60001- pea annum is also provided to each Primary Health Centre covered under the Village Health Guide Scheme.

Children born blind

*114. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have con ducted any survey to find out the number of children who are born blind during the las* 3 years; and

(b)i i| so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No specific survey to find ou£ the number of children bom blind has been uo-dertaken.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up «f electronic! automata exchanges

* 115. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to s ate the names of the cities in the country where electronic automatic exchanges are proposed to be installed auring the current year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The installation of electronic: exchanges can be broadly classified into three categories namely large, medium and small exchanges. During 1987-88, it is proposed to instal|these exchanges as indicated below

A. *targe Exchanges:*

1.		10, 000 lines
2.	Bombay Fetex-IOOL	10, 000 lines
3.	Bombay E-10B	18, 000 lines
4.	Calcutta Fetex-IOOL. .	5, 000 lines.
5.	Calcutta E-10B	4, 000 lines
6.	Bangalore E-10B.	10, 000 lines
7.	Hyderabad E-10B.	10, 000 lines
8.	Amritsar E-10B.	5, 000 lines
9.	Nciaa (U. P.)	4, 000 lines

B. *Medium capacity exchanges: taine sed PRX dexchanges. {Con n type)—*

S. No.	Exchange	Capacity (K represents 1000 lines)	Type ofEquispment
1	2	3	4
_1	Silchar (A'sarh). . . .	3 K	PRX Analogue
2	Post Blair (A&N).. '..	2 K	Do.
3	Sirsa (Haryana) (Expn). '	IK	Do.
4	Abohar (Punjab) (Expn).	1 K	Do.
5	Khanna (Punjab) (Expn)	1 K	Do.
6	Pdli-Marwar (Rajasthan) (Expn)	[1] K	Do.
7	B; awar (Rajasthan) (Expn).	1 K	Do-
8	Alwar (Rajasthan) (Expn)	1 K	Do.
9	Gaya (Bihar) Expn.	1 K	Do.
10	Veraval (Gujarat) Expn..	IK	Do.
11	Gandhi Dham (Gujarat) Expn.	1 K	Do.
12	Mehsana (Gujarat) Expn.	IK	Do.
13	Gandhinagar (Gujarat) Expn.	1 K	Do.
14	Porbandhar (Gujarat) Expn.	1 K	Do.
15	Kalamboli (Maharashtra) (Expn.).	1 K	Do.
16	Margoa"(Goa) Expn..	1 K	Do.
17	Imphal (Manipur) Expn..	1 K •	Do.

1	2	3	4
18	Dibrugarh (Assam) Expn.	1 K	Do.
19	Gulbarga (Karnataka) Expn.	1 K	Do.
20	Udipi (Karnataka) Expn.	1 K	Do.
21	Karodr (Tamilnadu) Expn.	1 K	Do.
	K—1000 lines	Expn.—Expansion	

C. *Small Exchanges: (Type NEAX 61-S):*

S.No.	Exchange	Capacity	Type of equipment
Andhra :			
1	Ramachandrapuram	400	NEAX 61S Digital
Bihar:			
2	Dhumka	400	NEAX 61S—Digita
3	Hajipur	400	Do.
4	Madhubani	400	Do.
5	Nawadah	400	Do.
6	Purnea	600	Do.
Gujarat:			
7	Kodinar (Khaira)	400	Do.
Jammu & Kashmir:			
8	Kathua	400	Do.
Karnataka :			
9	Yelwal	400	Do.
Kerala:			
10	Mannar.	400	Do.
Madhya Pradesh:			
11	Betul	400	Do.
12	Datia	400	Do.
13	Dhar	400	Do.
14	Khargone	400	Do.
15	Mandla	400	Do.
16	Shajapur.	400	Do.
17	Tikamgarh	400	Do.

1	2	3	4
18	Ambikapur	600	Do.
19	Balaghat	600	Do.
20	Bhind	600	Do.
21	Guna	600	Do.
22	Shivpuri	600	Do.
Maharashtra:			
23	Manmad	600	Do.
24	Dhatav	400	Do.
25	Mangaon	400	Do.
Mizoram:			
26	Lungleh	400	Do.
27	Naharlagam (New Itanagar)	400	Do.
Himachal Pradesh :			
28	Bilaspur	400	,,
29	Hamirpur	400	,,
30	Nahan	400	,,
31	Una	400	,,
32	Chamba	600	
33	Kulu	600	,,
Orissa:			
34	Keonjhar	600	,,
35	Koraput	400	,,
36	Phulbani	400	,,
37	Sundergarh	400	,,
38	Baripada	600	,,
39	Chhaturpur	400	,,
Rajasthan:			
40	Jalore	400	,,
41	Jaisalmer	400	,,
42	Jhalawar	400	,,
43	Sawai Madhopur	400	,,
44	Sawai Madhopur (RS)	400	,,
45	Sirohi	400	,,

1	2	3	4
46	Tonk	400	Do
47	Bundi	600	Do
48	Jhun Jhunu	600	Do
Uttar Pradesh :			
49	Fatepur	400	Do
50	Gazipur	400	Do
51	Lalitpur	400	Do
52	Pauri	400	Do
53	Pithoragarh	400	Do
54	Orai	400	Do
55	Sultanpur	600	Do
56	Banda	600	Do
57	Ranikhet	400	Do
West Bengal :			
58	Sainthia	400	Do
59	Alipurdwar	600	Do
Kerala :			
60	Vaikam	400	Do
	MCR Type-Small Exchanges		
Rajasthan :			
1	Barmer	896 lines	MCR Analogue
2	Bayiu	96 "	Do
3	Panchpadra	96 "	Do
4	Samdhari	64 "	Do
5	Siwana	192	Do
6	Sindhri	64	Do

1	2	3	4
Nagaland :			
7	Mokokchung	512 "	Do
8	Tuensang	256 "	Do
9	Khipre	64 "	Do
10	Peren	64 "	Do
11	Chumukidima	64 "	Do
Uttar Pradesh :			
12	Kosi Kalan	128 "	Do Expansion
13	Vrindavan	384	Do
14	Govardhan	64 "	Do
15	Sadabad	96 "	Do
16	Ramnagar	384 "	Do
17	Nanital	128 "	Do Expansion
18	Kashipur	896	Do
19	Rudrapur	640 "	Do
20	Kitchha	320 "	Do

Arrangement made by vayudoot with Skypack Company

•115. SHRI KISHOR MEHTA: SHRI SXJRESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA-' TION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vayudoot have made an arrangement with Skypack Company for delivery of parcels;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how much amount Vayudoot has received from Skypack Company in this regard;

(d) whether the Skypack Company hag paid all the dues; and

(e) if not, what are the reason* therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYT-LER): (a) and Ob). Vayudoot has . capacity available during the night. To utilise this capacity of 1900 kgs. on each aircraft, 900 kgs. have been earmarked for the Post & Telegraphs Department to carr$_v$ mail, and the remaining 1000 kgs. offered to M/s Skypack for carriage. of documents and urgent consignments to various places in the country. The details of the service operated are as follows: —